

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1170

By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to recognize Priscilla Mayo Beard Dorris on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those educators who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Priscilla Mayo Beard Dorris is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for nearly thirty years as an educator, twenty-seven of which she spent in Cheatham County; she will soon take a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Priscilla Dorris rendered sterling service as principal of Kingston Springs Elementary School for twelve exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, throughout her illustrious tenure as a teacher and principal, she worked diligently to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, born on October 25, 1941, Mrs. Dorris came home from the hospital to the very same house in which she presently lives, the white landmark home in downtown Kingston Springs; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Peabody Demonstration School in Nashville, Priscilla Dorris attended school at Stephens College in Missouri, received her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from the University of Tennessee, and a gained master's degree from George Peabody College; while furthering her studies, she completed more than thirty hours in Administration and Supervision at Tennessee State University and obtained her Career Ladder III status; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dorris truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Priscilla Dorris is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, her many professional achievements aside, Mrs. Dorris is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her husband, Richard Dorris; together they are the proud parents of two children and grandparents of four grandsons; and

WHEREAS, Priscilla Dorris exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, she has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Priscilla Mayo Beard Dorris our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, as we commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee and wish her every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.